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Sendai, Japan (14-18 March 2015)

Official meetings

Friday, 13 March 2015

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
Third session

10:00	1st meeting	Exhibition Hall 1
	Opening remarks by the Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee	
	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters of the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.224/PC(III)/1, A/CONF.224/PC(III)/2 and A/CONF.224/PC(III)/3) [item 1]	
	Other matters (A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.1) [item 4]	
	Draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction [item 2]	
	Draft political declaration [item 3]	
To be decided	2nd meeting	Exhibition Hall 1
	Draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction [item 2]	
	Draft political declaration [item 3]	
	Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its third session (A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.2 (to be issued)) [item 5]	
	Conclusion of the session	
	Closing statement by the Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee	

Briefing for Major Groups and other stakeholders

A coordination meeting for Major Groups and other stakeholders will be held *today*, 13 March 2015, from 08:00 to 09:00, in the Main Hall, Sendai International Centre.

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Programme of working sessions and side events

A list of preparatory meetings to be held *today*, 13 March 2015, is available on the official Conference website (please *click here*).

The interactive online programme of working sessions and side events (on-site) to be held during the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is also available on the official Conference website (please *click here*). Queries regarding side events should be addressed to wcdrr2015@un.org (with subject line "Public Forum").

Forthcoming official meetings

Saturday, 14 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

11:00[1] to 13:30[3] 1st plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2[2]

1. Opening of the Conference [item 1]
2. Election of the President [item 2]
3. Statement by the President [item 3]

   Statement by His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

   Statement by His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan[3]

   Statement by His Excellency Sam Kahamba Kutesa, President of the sixty-ninth session of the General-Assembly

   Statement by His Excellency Laurent Fabius, Incoming President of the 21st session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change[3]

   Statement by Ms. Regina Pritchett, representative of the nine Major Groups as defined in Agenda 21

   Statement by Her Excellency Emiko Okuyama, Mayor of Sendai City,[3]
4. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work (A/CONF.224/1 and A/CONF.224/2) [item 4]
5. Adoption of the rules of procedure (A/CONF.224/3) [item 5]
6. Election of officers other than the President [item 6]

[1]All participants in Exhibition Hall 2 are kindly requested to be seated *by 10:45*.

[2]Exhibition Hall 1 will serve as an overflow room.

[3]Subject to the adoption of document A/CONF.224/PC(III)/L.1 by the Preparatory Committee.

7. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [item 7 (a)]

8. General exchange of views [item 8][1]

Address by His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan

Address by His Excellency Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, President of Turkmenistan

Address by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland

Address by His Excellency Anote Tong, President, Head of Government and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kiribati

Address by His Excellency Emanuel Mori, President and Head of Government of the Federated States of Micronesia

Address by His Excellency Uhuru Kenyatta, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya

Address by His Excellency Baldwin Lonsdale, President of the Republic of Vanuatu

Address by His Excellency Al Hadji Yahya A.J.J. Jammeh, President of the Republic of the Gambia

Address by His Excellency Robert G. Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Address by His Excellency Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon

Address by His Excellency Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Togolese Republic

15:00 to 18:00 2nd plenary meeting Exhibition Hall 2

1. General exchange of views [item 8][1] *(continued)*

Address by Her Excellency Nguyen Thi Doan, Vice-President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Address by His Excellency Muhammad Jussuf Kalla, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia

Address by His Excellency Kwesi Bekoe Amissah-Arthur, Vice-President of the Republic of Ghana

Address by His Excellency Prosper Bazombanza, Vice-President of the Republic of Burundi

Address by His Excellency James Wani Igga, Vice-President of the Republic of South Sudan

Address by Her Excellency Inonge Wina, Vice-President of the Republic of Zambia

Address by His Excellency Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia

[1]Speakers remaining from a plenary meeting, if any, will be given the floor at the beginning of the next meeting.

Address by His Excellency Prayuth Chan-ocha, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand

Address by His Excellency Mizengo Pinda, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania

Address by His Excellency Anastase Murekezi, Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda

Statement by His Excellency Murodali Alimardon, Deputy Prime Minister of Tajikistan

Statement by His Excellency Numan Kurtulmus, Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey

Statement by His Excellency Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia

Statement by His Excellency Siaosi Sovaleni, Deputy Prime Minister of Tonga

Statement by his Excellency Ukhnaa Khurelsukh, Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia

Statement by His Excellency Asang Laoly, Deputy Prime Minister and Chair of the National Disaster Prevention and Control Committee of the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Statement by His Excellency Pravin Gordhan, Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

Statement by Her Excellency María del Pilar Cornejo,Minister of the Secretariat of Risk Management of Ecuador (on behalf of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC))

Statement by His Excellency Brendan Howlin, Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform of Ireland

Statement by His Excellency Vladimir Puchkov, Minister for Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disaster of the Russian Federation

Statement by His Excellency Didier Burkhalter, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

Statement by His Excellency Rajnath Singh, Minister of Home Affairs of India

Statement by His Excellency Li Liguo, Minister of Civil Affairs of China

Statement by Mr. Peter Burian, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia

2. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

Statement by Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

Statement by His Excellency Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

Statement by Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 1 "Mobilizing women's leadership in disaster risk reduction"

15:00 to 18:00 Exhibition Hall 1

Co-Chairs

Her Excellency Loren Legarda, Member of the Senate of the Republic of the Philippines

Her Excellency Sanae Takaichi, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan

Keynote speaker

His Excellency Shinzō Abe, Prime Minister of Japan

Moderator

Mr. Riz Khan, International journalist

Panellists

Her Excellency Tarja Halonen, Former President of the Republic of Finland

Her Excellency Emiko Okuyama, Mayor of Sendai City

Her Excellency Kristalina Georgieva, Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources, European Commission

Ms. Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director, United Nation World Food Programme

Mr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund

Ms. Adi Vasulevu Merewalesi, Representative, FemLINK PACIFIC

Announcements

List of speakers for the plenary meetings

Inscription on the list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the Conference (item 8 of the provisional agenda (A/CONF.224/1), "General exchange of views") *is open.*

All delegations wishing to inscribe are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat, in writing, by e-mail (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (poliakova@un.org)) indicating the name and title of the speaker. The list of speakers for the general exchange of views will be established on a first-come first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of States or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. It is proposed that a time limit of *five minutes* be established for each statement.

All delegations prior to delivery of the statement are kindly requested to e-mail a copy of their statement to wcdrr2015@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and Name of Country or Organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or *at least 3 hours before* delivery of statement.

In addition to the representatives of States participating in the Conference and the representative of the European Union, representatives of the following organizations may, time permitting and without setting a precedent, make a statement under agenda item 9 (Statements by inter-governmental and other organizations) and item 10 (Statements by non-governmental organizations) of the provisional agenda in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.224/3): (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices; (b) specialized agencies and related organizations; (c) other intergovernmental organizations; (d) interested United Nations organs; and (e) associate members of regional commissions. The representatives of the non-governmental organizations and other major groups may also be added to the list of speakers. Representatives of these organizations and entities may contact the secretariat (Ms. Maria Pamela Portillo (e-mail portillo@un.org)) to be inscribed in the list of speakers.

Ministerial roundtables

The topics of the five ministerial roundtables are "Governing Disaster Risk: Overcoming Challenges"; "International Cooperation in support of a Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction"; "Reducing Disaster Risk in Urban Settings"; "Reconstructing after Disasters: Build Back Better" and "Public Investment Strategies for Disaster Risk Reduction".

The roundtables will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature, with 45 seats each: up to 40 for Government delegations and at least 5 for other participants, including representatives of observers, entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations and major groups. Member States and other participants are encouraged to be represented at the roundtables at the highest possible level. In a Note Verbale dated 28 November 2014, delegations were requested to submit three choices, in order of preference, together with the name, title and email address of the participating minister and delegate to the Secretariat (e-mail palm@un.org, with a copy to goldfinch@un.org). Concept notes on the ministerial roundtables are available on the Conference website.

High level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

The topics of the three high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are "Mobilizing Women's Leadership in Disaster Risk Reduction", "Risk Sensitive Investment: Public-Private Partnerships", and "Inclusive Disaster Risk Management: Governments, Communities and Groups Acting Together".

The high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues will be interactive and open to all conference participants. There will be no prepared list of speakers. At the discretion of the Chair or Chairs, priority in the order of speakers will be given to those speaking at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives of other stakeholders. The dialogues will aim to achieve a balance among speakers from all stakeholders. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions should not exceed *three minutes*. Representatives of States are invited to indicate to the Secretariat by e-mail (palm@un.org, with a copy to goldfinch@un.org) if they will be represented in a partnership dialogue at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level. Concept notes on the high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are available on the Conference website.

Credentials

In accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, the credentials of representatives and names of alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs located on B306, Level 3, Sendai International Conference Centre Building (Attn. Ms. Tomoko Iwata; or Mr. Keiichiro Okimoto). The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission.

Accreditation

Accreditation of official delegations of States, intergovernmental organizations and associate members of regional commissions, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, is handled by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service via the online system "eAccreditation". Submission of online accreditation requests for members of the delegations via "eAccreditation" system must be handled by permanent/observer missions and offices in New York, who have already been registered and provided with secured login credential (password). Delegations wishing to attend the conference are advised to coordinate with their missions/offices in New York for timely submission of accreditation requests.

For detailed guideline on accreditation to the conference, please refer to the Protocol note verbale of 13 January 2015 (PRO/NV/WCDRR 2015/ARRANGEMENTS) posted on the protocol website www.un.int/protocol.

Additional information on the Conference is also available on the conference website (*click here*).

General information

More details on the information below are available in document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

Security screening

Every effort is being made to ensure that security screening for access to the Conference venue is smooth and fast, but some delays may be unavoidable. All participants are encouraged to arrive early, to avoid bringing large items, and to prepare for screening when approaching the metal detectors.

Information for participants

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

Distribution of official documents

A documents counter with limited hard copies of official documents and the *Journal* for delegations will be located in the Exhibition Hall 1 for the third session of the Preparatory Committee, and in Exhibition Hall 2, during the plenary meetings of the Conference. Delegations are encouraged to bring their own mobile devices loaded with the relevant documentation. All Conference documents will be available on the Conference website

(*click here*). A print-on-demand service will be available for a fee at the Business Centre for those delegations needing extra hard copies.

Circulation of written statements

Pursuant to rule 66 of the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, written statements submitted by the designated representatives referred to in rules 60 to 65 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the quantities and in the languages in which the statements are made available to it at the site of the Conference, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization is related to the work of the Conference and is on a subject in which the organization has a special competence. Copies of written statements shall not be made by the secretariat and the written statements shall not be issued as official documents of the Conference.

All delegations, prior to delivery of the statement, are kindly requested to e-mail a copy of their statement to wcdrr2015@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and name of country or organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or at least three hours before the delivery of the statement for onward transmission to interpreters and secretariat note-takers and for posting on the Conference website.

Arrangements for bilateral meetings

For bilateral meetings among States at the Head of State or Government or ministerial level, requests can be sent to wcdrr2015@un.org. To prevent double booking, only the delegation initiating the bilateral meeting should submit the request. Reservations will be accepted for 20-minute durations. It is essential that all requests specify the date and time of each meeting, and include the name of the other delegation participating in the bilateral meeting and expected number of participants. Limited rooms, of varying sizes with a capacity to hold between eight, ten or twelve participants in total, will be available for bilateral meetings. Every effort will be made to keep consecutive appointments of the same delegation in the same room.

Live webcast coverage

The United Nations webcast services will provide live and on-demand coverage of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Official Statements, High level Partnership Dialogue sessions, Ministerial Roundtable sessions and Press Conferences. The webcast coverage is available on the UN Web TV website at http://webtv.un.org, in English, Japanese and the original language of the speaker.

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